

South, more than 6 hours were accounted for by originated programmes comprising talks, discussions, interviews, plays, features, classical music, light music, folk and traditional music, devotional music, film music, programmes for women, children and the youth, etc. For the benefit of the agriculturists in this area, the station relays the 'Uzhavar Ulagam' programme from Tiruchirapalli on six days a week and originates a thirtyfive-minute programme entitled "Thoppum Thuravum" once a week. A half-hour programme in French is also broadcast three days a month.

The station's news unit which started functioning in May, 1970 puts out a daily five-minute Regional News Bulletin in Tamil, a 15-minute weekly News Reel and also a five-minute 'Newsletter from Pondicherry' once a month.

The programmes of Pondicherry station can normally be heard within a range of 65 km. although during fine weather the station would be audible as far as Madras in the north and Karaikal in the south. The radio stations of Thiruchchirapalli, Kozhikode and Vijayawada serve the regions of Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam.

### **IX. Organisations of owners and employees in the field of transport and communication**

The Pondicherry Bus Owners Motor Transport Association formed on 20 March 1959 with about thirty members was active in the beginning, especially when applications were called for the grant of inter-state bus routes.

The Pondicherry Lorry Owners Association which came into being on 1 July 1960 with about 20 members confines its activities to safeguarding the interests of lorry owners in the Territory.

There is no other registered Association or recognized Trade Union representing transport workers in the Territory. In 1970, a five-member standing Tripartite Committee with representatives of employers, employees and the Government was formed as provided for in the Motor Transport Workers Act, 1961 and in order to implement, review and resolve labour and management problems in the transport industry in the Territory. The Pondicherry Motor Transport Owners Association, the Pondicherry Lorry Owners Association and the Puthuvai Motor Vahana Thozhilalar Sangam are represented in the Committee.<sup>91</sup>